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SUBJ: CIVAIR: AVIATION FUEL SHORTAGES

REF: (A) LONDON 14728, (B) PARIS 31844

1. PANAM REP RAUSCHENPLAT INFORMS US HE HAS SENT LETTER DEC. 14 TO SGAC AND TO AIR FRANCE APPRISING THEM OF EFFORTS PANAM HAS MADE TO ENCOURAGE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUEL TO ALL CARRIERS AT NEW YORK AND NOTING THAT PANAM UPLIFT OF FUEL AT PARIS IN NOVEMBER 1973 WAS WELL BELOW 1972 AND 1971 LEVELS. HENCE, LETTER CONCLUDES, THERE HAS BEEN NO "ABUSE" BY PANAM OF REFUELING POSSIBILITIES IN PARIS.

2. PAUSCHENPLAT SAID LETTER INTENDED PAVE WAY FOR PARTIAL SOLUTION OF PANAM'S REFUELING PROBLEMS IN LONDON BY RE-ROUTING PA121 TO ELIMINATE LONDON STOP ON RETURN FLIGHT PARIS-WEST COAST AND THUS REFUELING AT PARIS RATHER THAN LONDON FOR RETURN LEG. RAUSCHENPLAT SAID THAT WHILE NO FINAL DECISION YET TAKEN, PANAM WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING SUCH REROUTING EFFECTIVE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK UNTIL REDUCED SCHEDULE COMES INTO EFFECT

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IN JANUARY.

3. WE INFORMED RAUSCHENPLAT THAT WHILE WE HAD NO ADVANCE INDICATION OF KIND OF "RESTRICTIONS" GOV MIGHT IMPOSE OF REFUELING (REF B), WE DOUBTED THAT THEY WOULD BE DISRUPTIVE FOR MAJOR CARRIERS AND WE FURTHER SUSPECTED THAT IT WAS ABUSES BY SOME OF THE SMALLER OPERATORS THAT HAD UPSET THE FRENCH. (FRENCH FINANCIAL DAILY LES ECHOS HAS REPORTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT STERLING AIRWAYS "DRIED UP THE TANKS" AT BORDEAUX AIRPORT.) MOREOVER, WE POINTED OUT THAT AIR FRANCE REFUELING IN LOS ANGELES AS RESULT ELIMINATION MONTREAL STOP ON PARIS-LOS ANGELES FLIGHTS WAS NO DIFFERENT THAN PANAM REFUELING IN PARIS FOR RETURN LEG OF FLIGHT PA 121. IRWIN

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